

Please amend the claims as set forth below. The following amended claims are provided here in "clean form" and in Appendix B in "marked-up" form, showing additions by underlines and deletions in brackets, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c).

*Please REWRITE claims 1, 2 and 8 as follows:*

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1. (Amended) A method for attaching a mechanical fastener to an absorbent article comprising the steps of:
    - a) providing said absorbent article;
    - b) providing said mechanical fastener;
    - c) applying a slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesive to said absorbent article in a target area; and
    - d) attaching said mechanical fastener to said absorbent article in the target area with said slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesive under conditions sufficient to result in a mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond static shear strength of at least about 60 min/1.2 kg.
  2. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein said mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond static shear strength is at least about 240 min/1.2 kg.
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8. (Amended) An absorbent article comprising:
    - a) a liquid pervious topsheet;
    - b) a liquid impervious backsheet joined to said topsheet;
    - c) an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet; and
    - d) at least one mechanical fastener positioned so as to secure the absorbent article to an intended user, wherein the mechanical fastener is attached to said absorbent article using a slow-crystallizing hot melt adhesive under conditions sufficient to result in a mechanical fastener/absorbent article bond static shear strength of at least about 60 min/1.2kg.